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In re the Application of  
ALEXANDER et al.

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AND PREVENTING DAMAGE

Examiner: J. Foreman

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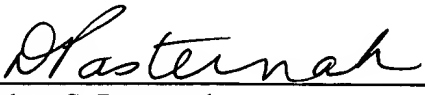
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